

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Nakamura, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/788,847 EXAMINER : Burkhart, Michael D
FILING DATE: February 27, 2004 ART UNIT : 1633
FOR: GENE AND PROTEIN RELATING TO HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

1. Response and Amendment to October 17, 2007 Office Action (6 pgs); and
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg);

Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided is an Amendment and Response. With such a timely filed request, submission and fee, Applicants request that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn.

Applicants also submit a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time along with the required fee. With the extension, these documents are due on or before April 17, 2008.

The RCE fee in the amount of \$810.00 and the Extension fee in the amount of \$1050.00 are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees due or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 25371-021 CIP.

Respectfully submitted,

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